REMARKS

Claim 53, which is rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. 102(b), is canceled without prejudice to the Applicant's right to reassert the same subject matter in another application. Claim 95, which is withdrawn by the Examiner, and Claims 97-101, which are not being considered by the Examiner, are also canceled without prejudice. Applicant also reserves the right to reassert Claim 95 and Claims 97-101 in another application.

In view of the foregoing amendments and accompanying Terminal Disclaimer, Applicant believes that this application is now in condition for allowance. Allowance of Claims 29-34, 36-42, 44-50, 52, 54-94 and 96 is respectfully requested.

Please charge any additional fee that may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 12-1781 of Locke Liddell & Sapp LLP.

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